



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 3736

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For: FILTER FOR USE WITH PULSE-WAVE SENSOR AND PULSE WAVE
ANALYZING APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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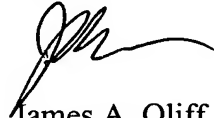
Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 17, 2006, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 2-5 and 7. This election is made with traverse.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all groups is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of the elected group would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining group. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (Emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-7 can be examined without undue burden on the Examiner. Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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